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What's happening in and about the Yankee Air Museum

The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Museum

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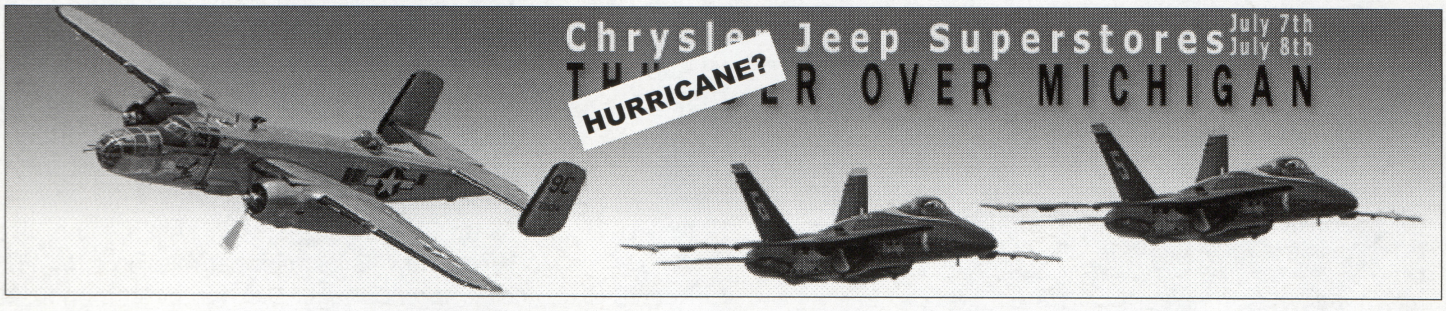
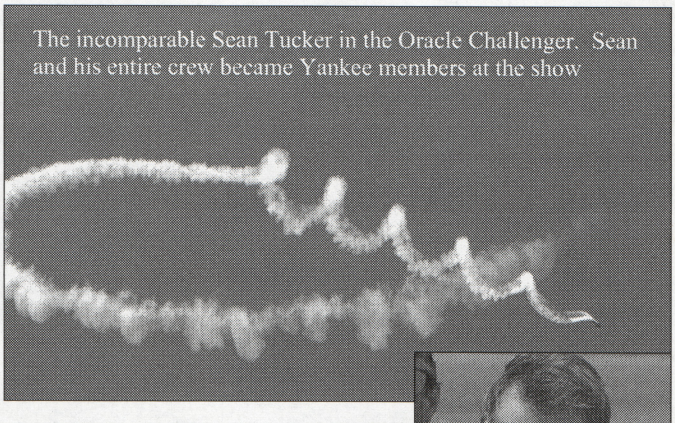


WOW! The show was so big that it felt more like a hurricane coming at you than perhaps just some thunder. Thunder Over Michigan 2007 lived up to all expectations and then some, with record crowds in spite of the heat. Thankfully there was a bit of a breeze both days. Yankee volunteers gave the extra effort needed to "git 'r done" and all the volunteers should give themselves a pat on the back and a well deserved congratulations for pulling this event off very successfully in spite of it being several quantum leaps larger than anything Yankee has attempted before. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. A lot of work goes into this event before, during and after. Air show coordinators **Kevin Walsh** and **Mike Luther,** and event coordinator **Debbie Stewart** did a great job.

The B-25s were very impressive with the fifteen ships making a flyover. See more inside.



The incomparable Sean Tucker in the Oracle Challenger. Sean and his entire crew became Yankee members at the show

All photos Rand Bitter

The Navy simulator gave a record number of 1600 rides in one day, blowing away the previous mark of 1100. The Blues did a "smoking the runway" departure, their signal that the show site did an outstanding job hosting the team. In fact, they have already called and asked if they can return in a couple of years. Well okay, as long as we have plenty of planes with round engines, too.

See more photos in the center spread of this issue and the Yankee photo gallery easily linked to from the Yankee home page

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members and Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:00 PM
(Note Time Change)

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

1 Aug 1945	Largest one-day mission of the war: 784 B-29s of XXI Bomber Command bomb Japanese home islands
2 Aug 1990	Iraq invades Kuwait
5 Aug 1954	First operational flight of a B-52
6 Aug 1945	B-29 *Enola Gay* bombs Hiroshima
8 Aug 1990	First USAF F-15s arrive in Saudi Arabia to initiate *Desert Shield*
9 Aug 1945	B-29 *Bockscar* bombs Nagasaki
10 Aug 1944	Indonesia: Longest single-stage combat flight by B-29s (31 from 20th AF) of WWII. Take off from Ceylon on a 4,000-mile round trip to bomb Palembang, Sumatra
12 Aug 1945	394th B Sqdn. B-24s, with YAM member **Stan Wiec**, flew its last combat mission of WWII
15 Aug 1943	*Operation Cottage*: U.S. forces land on Kiska, Aleutian Islands, Alaska
15 Aug 1945	Final aerial battle in the Pacific: Six Hellcats of *Yorktown* are attacked over Tokyo's Tokurozuna Airfield by 15-20 Japanese planes. Nine enemy shot down vs. 4 U.S. Navy. Later in the day, enemy planes approach the ships of *TF-38* and are shot down. 143 B-29s of the 315th Bomb Wing are last to bomb. The plane *Uninvited* drops the last bombs of the war on the oil refinery at Akita, Honshu
15 Aug 1945	V J Day: War with Japan ends
15 Aug 1957	General Nathan Twining named first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs
17 Aug 1942	First American heavy bomber mission over N. Europe
19 Aug 1940	First flight of a B-25
20 Aug 1942	12th Air Force activated for Invasion of North Africa

July 50/50 was won by
Steve Guenther
who donated his winnings to the
SNO GO Project

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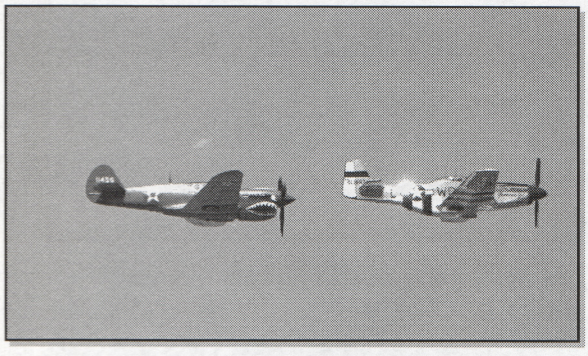
SEPTEMBER 2007 ISSUE DEADLINE AUGUST 10TH, 2007, BUT BETTER TO TURN IN ITEMS AUGUST 1ST OR BEFORE

The President's Corner

Dick Stewart

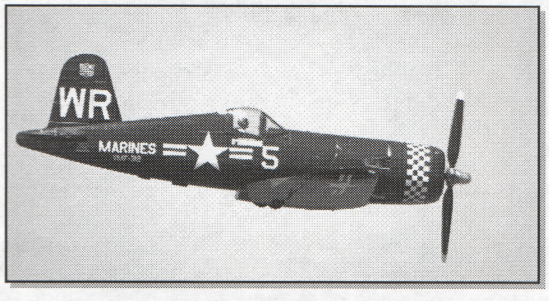
HONORING AVIATION HISTORY AND ITS PARTICIPANTS THROUGH A LIVING, FLYING MUSEUM

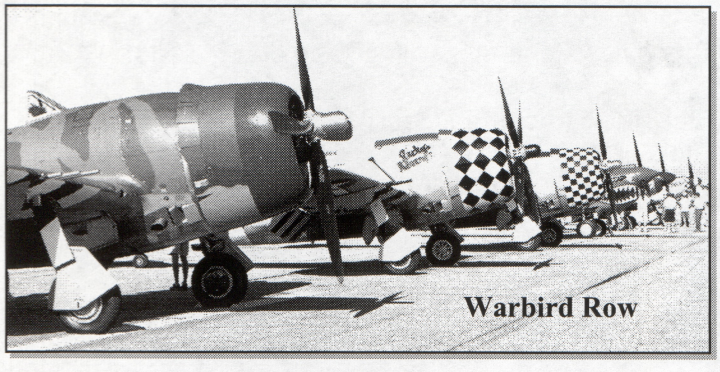
President Stewart gave up the space for his regular column to allow more Thunder Over Michigan 2007 photos this month.



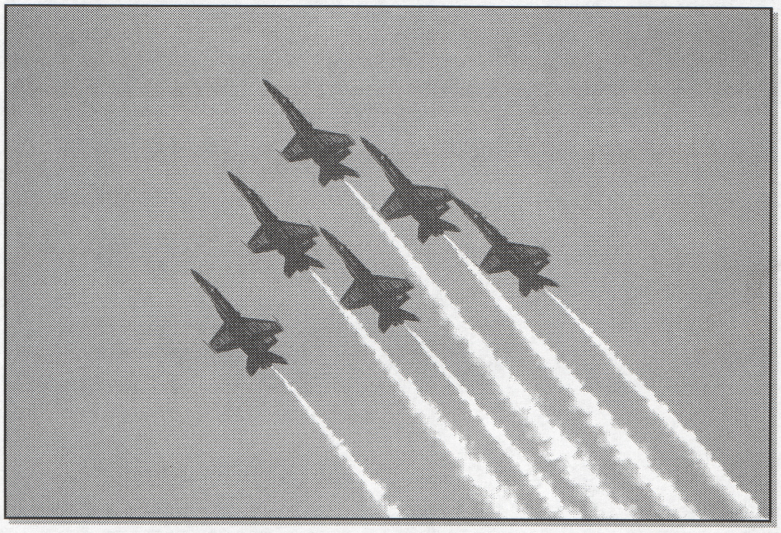
Above: P-40 Flying Tiger and P-51 Mustang
At right: Formation of T-6s
Below: Chance-Vaught Corsair coming in low

All Photos this page by Rand Bitter





Warbird Row



The sleek F/A-18 Hornets of the Blue Angels were not the only Thunder Over Michigan. There were plenty of vintage aircraft sharing the skies and contributing their own thunder.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the
Yankee Air Force, Inc.
dba Yankee Air Museum
Saturday, 15 September 2007 ◇
2:00 pm Eastern time
Hangar 2, Willow Run Airport-West
Second floor Meeting Room

Agenda

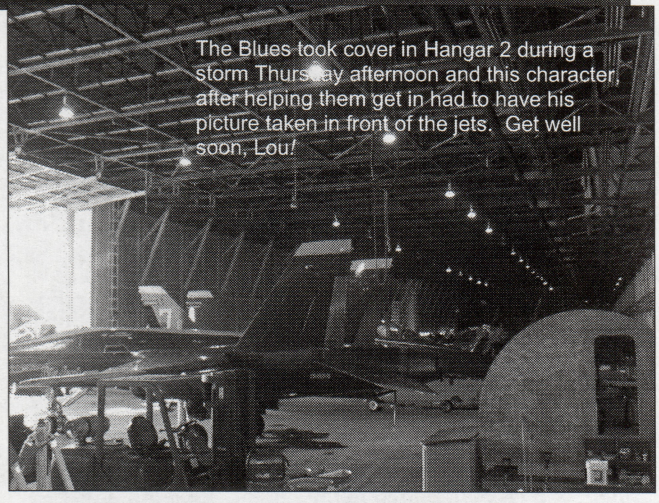
Call to order and greeting
Division reports
Treasurer's report
Department Manager reports
Candidates for YAM board of directors remarks
Members Comments

*Agenda for meeting subject to change
◇Sept 12 date in July HH was wrong

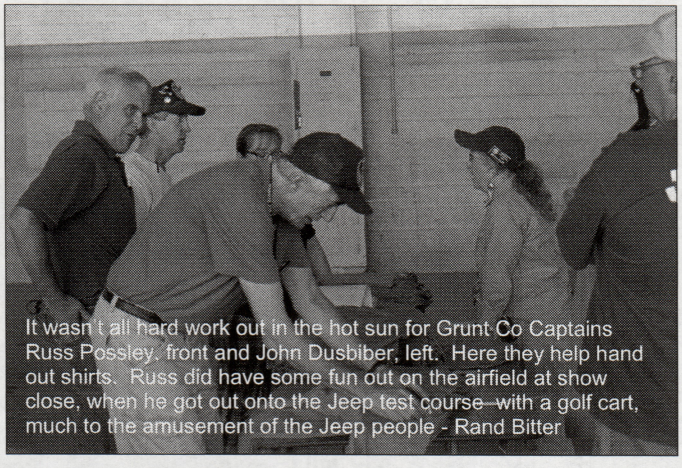
The b & w images here do not do justice to the great photos that Rand took. Make sure you go to the Yankee photo gallery, easily linked to from the Yankee home page to see some

ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC PHOTOS

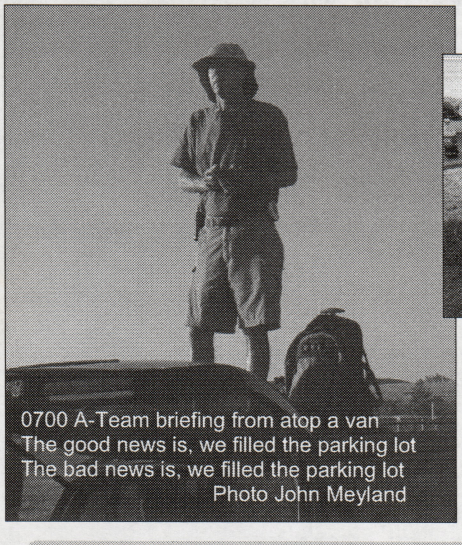
of the airshow, even if you did go!



The Blues took cover in Hangar 2 during a storm Thursday afternoon and this character, after helping them get in had to have his picture taken in front of the jets. Get well soon, Lou!



It wasn't all hard work out in the hot sun for Grunt Co Captains Russ Possley, front and John Dusbiber, left. Here they help hand out shirts. Russ did have some fun out on the airfield at show close, when he got out onto the Jeep test course–with a golf cart, much to the amusement of the Jeep people - Rand Bitter



0700 A-Team briefing from atop a van
The good news is, we filled the parking lot
The bad news is, we filled the parking lot
Photo John Meyland

A-Team survival technique, Ticket 1 Capt Rich Steiner , photo Dean Krauskopf

No Board Report from the June meeting as time to write it was pre-empted by ToM 2007

YANKEE BOARD AND OFFICERS ELECTION

August 10th is the deadline for submitting self-nomination forms for Board of Directors and Officer's positions for Yankee Air Museum . The election will be conducted by mailed ballot in September.

This year voting will be for President, Vice President and four Directors whose terms expire the end of 2007. The Director's positions are, **Dean Baker**, **Randy Hotton**, **Ray Hunter** and **Kevin Walsh**.

Any bylaws changes will also be on the ballot.

Questions about the election should be directed to Election Committee Chair, **Al Scotford.** Call the Hangar at (734) 483-4030 ext 229, or his home (313) 386-2094 or email zekezzypt@netscape.net

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
GOLF OUTING
(AKA GOLF WAR)
18 HOLE SCRAMBLE & FUND RAISER

Help raise money for the **Yankee Air Museum**

Wednesday 5 September - 10 am shotgun start

Pine View Golf Course, Whittaker & Textile, south of Ypsilanti
(formerly McEnnon airfield)

Sponsorship opportunities
Players needed

Support and/or join a lot of just *plane* crazy golfers

Entry fee per player*◇ - $62 by Aug 15th, $70 @ door (Seniors 60+, $57/$65)

Make checks to YAF – Golf War, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Event/hole sponsorships $75

VARIETY DIE & STAMPING CO. 2221 BISHOP CIRCLE EAST DEXTER, MI 48130-1565

Longest Drive
Closest to Pin
Longest putt made
Closest to line etc.
Door prize donations accepted

Poems by Margaret
Personalized poems for any occasion (734) 283-1773

Special **GOLF WAR** trophy with winners' names immortalized on affixed Dog Tag
You will be assigned to a team if you don't have playing partners

All sponsors are mentioned (business card if provided) in the Yankee Air Museum ***Hangar Happenings*** newsletter that is mailed to more than 3000 members and VIP's all over the world, but most are your patrons (or could be) in southeast Michigan.

Grand Prize drawing – a ride in the *Yankee Lady* B-17

◇Only entry fees received/postmarked by Aug 15th will be entered into the bomber ride drawing

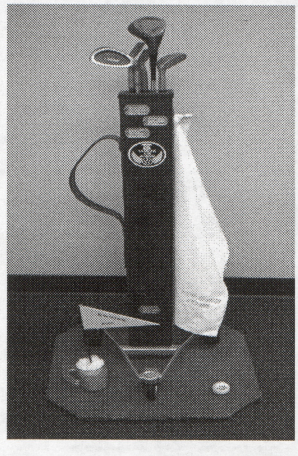
The GOLF WAR, in its 5th year has raised thousands of dollars for the museum. We invite you to support us and be part of the fun! ***Hot Dog, chips and soda at the turn included.***

Information: (734) 645-1150 or (734) 483-4030, leave a message for Dave Steiner or email dsteiner@blackmoreco.com *all but $35 is tax deductible - Yankee Air Museum is a 501 (c) (3) non profit

The GOLF WAR has two major sponsorships **Poems by Margaret & Variety Die & Stamping**

Players on the winning team have their names ***immortalized*** on a dog tag affixed to the **IRON BAG TROPHY** made with steel from the old Hangar

ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY AUG 15 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE B-17 RIDE DRAWING



YANKEE AIR SHOW SCHEDULE ON THE WEB SITE

To find out what shows the Yankee planes will be attending, simply go to the web site and click on aircraft schedules. The latest information is listed in an easy-to-read table. In some cases there are even links to more information about the event.

UP-TO-DATE C-47 SCHEDULE ON THE WEB SITE

In past issues of HH we've advised that you check the C-47 schedule on the web site to get the most current information. What is printed in HH is typically two weeks old when it arrives in your mailbox. So check the web for the latest!

Yankee Friend Ship - 2007 Flying Schedule

By Ray Hunter

The flying schedule for the Stinson V-77 Reliant is set with departure and return times as indicated. There will be room for two qualified Yankee Air Force pilots and two YAF members on these flights. The purpose of the Stinson flight program is to generate new members for the Yankee Air Museum. The flights are made to various pancake breakfasts and other aviation events throughout Southeastern Michigan. Duties for pilots and members at these events include setting up a table, promoting the Yankee Air Museum and providing information about the Yankee Air Museum and its rebirth. Each new member who joins the Yankee Air Museum at these events will be eligible for a short flight in the Stinson Reliant.

If you are interested in going on any of these flights, please contact Ray Hunter at 734-668-6059, or send an email to huntersofA2@aol.com.

Date	Location	Departure Time	Return Time
11 Aug	Ann Arbor, MI	8:00AM	1:00PM
12 Aug	Oscoda, MI	7:00AM	5:00PM
18 Aug	Mason, MI	8:00AM	5:00PM
19 Aug	Mason, MI	8:00AM	5:00PM
2 Sept.	Romeo, MI	7:00AM	2:00PM

A COLLECTION FOR VETERANS

In an effort to support today's veterans, the Yankee Air Museum will place collection boxes in the lobby of H-2. Please check your supplies at home or pick up an extra toiletry or two on your next trip to the store. Bring home the unused items from your air show hotel stays – soaps, shampoos & lotions and donate them to this worthy cause. *All items should be new and clean.*

Shaving Products – Creams, Razors & After Shave Lotion	Baby Powder & Lotions	Sunscreen & bug repellant lotions.
Combs & Hair Brushes	Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, mouth-wash & Dental Floss	Denture Supplies – Adhesive, Cleaners & Creams
Deodorant & Antiperspirants	Nail clippers & nail files	Hand held mirrors
Chap Stick	Men's Briefs & Boxers	White Socks & Booties
T-Shirts	Women's toiletries – sanitary napkins & tampons	Phone Cards
Pill Dispensers	Playing Cards, Crossword & Sudoku Books	Magazines – no older than 60 days, please.
Postage Stamps & Envelopes	Soap	Women's underclothes

Items will be delivered to the VA Health Care Offices for distribution to area veterans. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation, please make it payable to: Yankee Air Museum – Veteran's Fund and we'll pass it on. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Casey Hines at: 734-732-3575 or kathleenhines@comcast.net Updates on the success of this effort will follow. Thank you in advance!

B-17 BARN STORMING *By Norm Ellickson, B-17 Crew Chief*

On the weekend of June 30, July 1, the B-17 had an open airshow weekend, so I set up a trip to Charlevoix, MI. We flew the *Yankee Lady* up there to sell Flight Experiences. The weather was beautiful and we sold 32 rides.

We operated up there out of Island Airways' ramp. They are the local airline that operates flights daily to Beaver Island and back.

I want to thank Paul Welke and his staff for treating us so well. They cooked hot dogs for us at lunch time; flew a banner letting everyone in the area know we were in town and gave us a cash donation.

Our last passenger flight was about 5:00 PM. Just after we landed and started to load and fuel the aircraft, a gentleman came out on the ramp and said he wanted to buy a ride. I told him we were loaded up and getting ready to fly back to Willow Run. He stayed around the A/C until we were done fueling. When I was getting ready to give the gas man our YAF credit card to pay for the fuel, he told me he had already paid for our fuel, about $3000.00 worth: his donation.

His name is Bill Shuiling, and we want to thank him very much. These are the kind of people that have helped make the YAF grow.

2007 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

DATE	DESTINATION

NAME	YAF MEMBER #	PHONE
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CONTACT STREET ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP

HOW MANY SEATS ?	x COST PER SEAT	= TOTAL ENCLOSED	PERSONAL CHECK #	AMERICAN EXPRESS □ DISCOVER □ MASTERCARD □ VISA □	NAME ON CARD

E-MAIL	CREDIT CARD #	EXP DATE

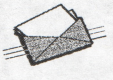
ALL TRIPS ARE FOR MEMBERS ONLY - JOIN TODAY!

A minimum of ten passengers needed to confirm a flight.
Seats must be purchased a minimum of two weeks prior to flight. Unless otherwise indicated, listed amounts are for flights only and do not include ground transportation or other incidental expenses. Dates and prices are subject to change. Additions or subtractions are possible as circumstances dictate. Yankee Air Museum reserves the right to cancel any excursion at any time and refund participants the full amount paid. Refunds will not be granted except for trips cancelled by Yankee Air Museum.

FOR RESERVATIONS:
Call **Neoma** and **Jack (734) 546-8002, (734) 483-4030, or (313) 274-8655**
Or complete the above Registration Form.
E-mail c47flights@yankeeairmuseum.org

One form per trip, please!
Complete, clip / copy and mail to:

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
C-47 DAY TRIP
PO BOX 590
BELLVILLE, MI
48112-0590



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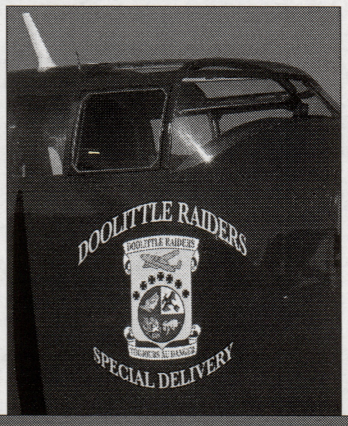
THE C-47 SCHEDULE WILL NOT APPEAR IN EVERY ISSUE.
FOR LATEST UPDATES CHECK YAM WEBSITE+

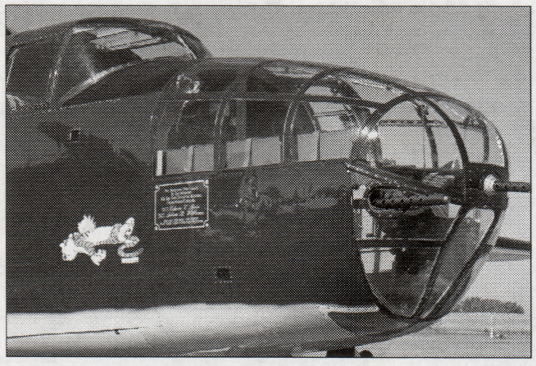
Tue/Thu	August 14-16	Washington, DC*		$600.00
Tuesday	August 21	Burke Lakefront Great Lakes Science Center, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, WWII Submarine	Cleveland, OH	$95.00
Wednesday	August 29	Mackinac Island (land on the island)		$220.00
Saturday	September 08	Air Force Museum	Dayton, OH	$160.00
Wednesday	September 12	Burke Lakefront Great Lakes Science Center, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, WWII Submarine	Cleveland, OH	$95.00
Saturday	September 22	Kalamazoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI	$90.00
Sat/Sun	September 29-30	Lee Bottom Flying Field	Hanover, IN	$260.00

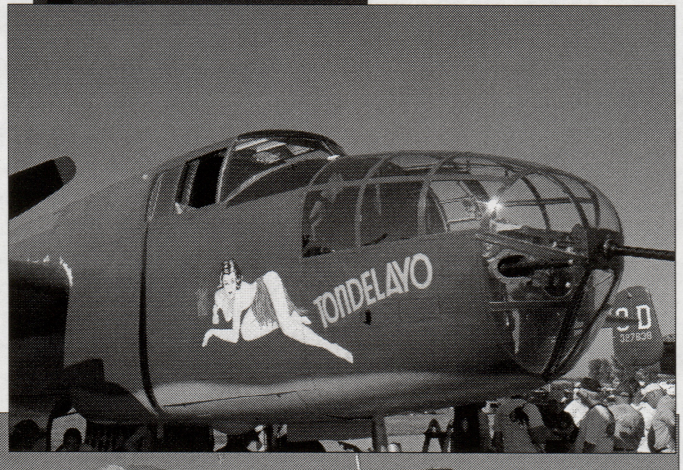
*Includes Two Nights Hotel Double Occupancy

+ Links on the web site also provide more information about your destination

Don't miss out on the **Lee Bottom Flying Field** trip. This is a great chance to visit the Half-Fast Aircraft Asylum™ during its wood, fabric and tail-dragger fly-in at this old-tyme type field adjacent to the Ohio River . Land on a grass strip in the Yankee C-47 and camp under the wing. See more at www.leebottom.com
"Where old planes go to fly"







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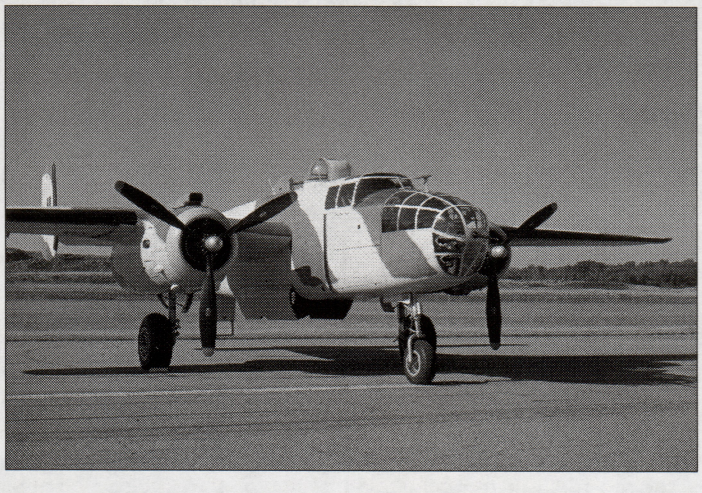

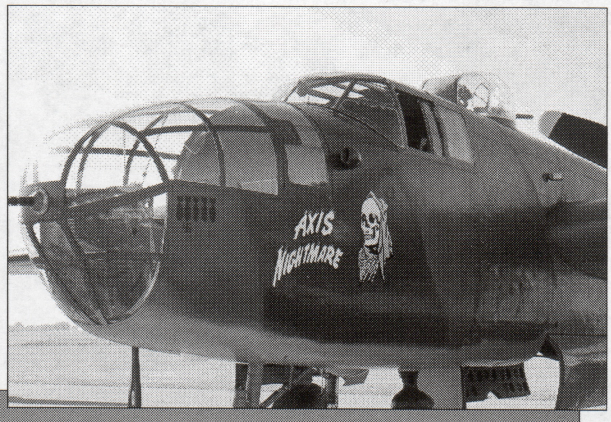

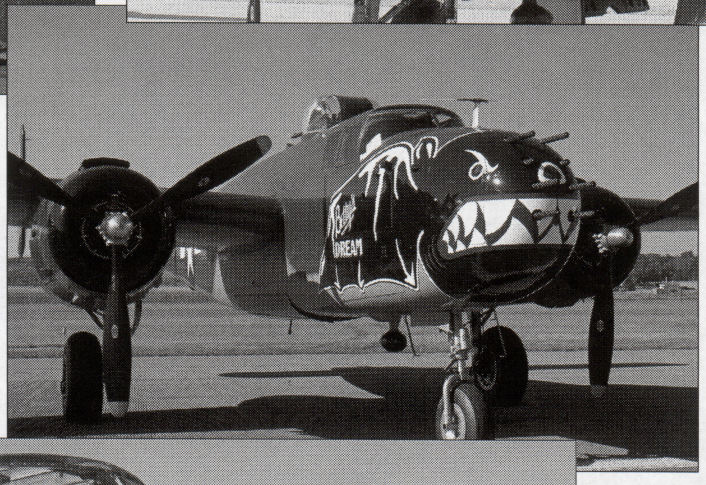

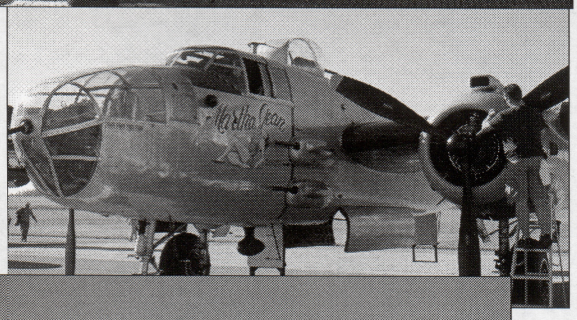

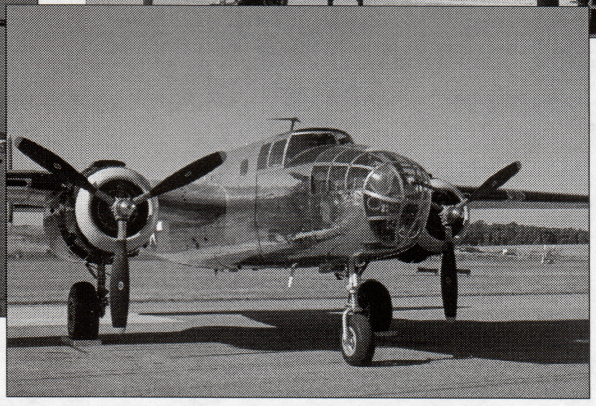

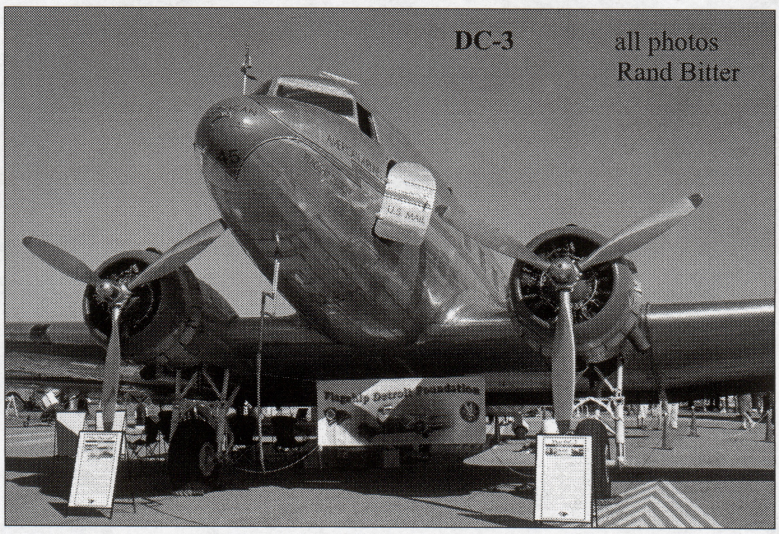

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all photos
Rand Bitter

The Yankee Air Museum Presents

101st Airborne Symposium

September 22nd 2007 at 1800 hrs

Hangar 2, Willow Run Airport

Come and hear WWII 101st Airborne veterans speak of their experiences
(Speakers list will be posted soon)

Tickets will be $40.00 per person and will include dinner and soft drinks / coffee
Beer will be available for purchase.

Only 250 seats available so buy early!

Contact Yankee Air Museum for more info

Telephone Number: 734-483-4030
Fax Number: 734-483-5076

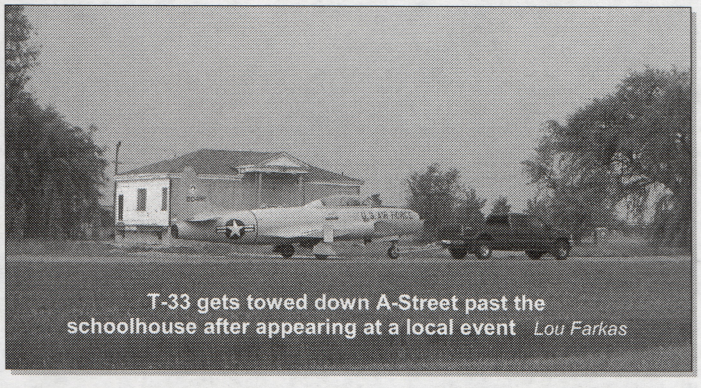
www.yankeeairmuseum.org

Into Jumping Out of Airplanes?

Chris Causley of the Yankee Living History Department and **Debbie Stewart** of events are putting together a 101st Airborne Symposium at the Yankee Hangar the evening of Sept 22nd.

If you are into jumping out of airplanes this is a must-attend event. Chris has lined up a great group of speakers/authors that will surely be of interest and the Yankee C-47 will be the back-drop for the symposium. Buy your tickets early, seating is limited.

The August 4th event below is not sponsored by Yankee but our *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, outfitted for paratroopers, will be flying up for the proceedings. Contact the numbers on the flyer below for more information



T-33 gets towed down A-Street past the schoolhouse after appearing at a local event *Lou Farkas*

In Memory Of...

EUGENE T. MITCHELL
Founding Member SL 85 WR, Joined 22 Nov 1981
Highly Decorated Veteran of WWII and Korean War
Passed Away June 12, 2007

ROBERT WALKER
Member No. G 10017 WR
Deceased (Date Unknown)

CAMP TROOPER

"Now as Then A Journey Through Living History"

UNITED STATES ARMY
1941 - 1945

Presented by:
82nd Airborne Division Association
Mid Michigan Chapter

The ranks of our WW2 veterans are thinning at a rate of 1,000 - 2,000 a day! As a result we are presenting a Michigan Airborne Day - Camp Trooper event on Saturday, August 4th, 2007, 0930-1700, Barstow Municipal Airport, Midland, Michigan. Our mission is a celebration and remembrance of all airborne, glider and special operations troopers with an emphasis placed on public education and fundraising for veteran programs.

Opening and closing ceremonies will recognize and salute a special generation of veterans followed by a 'Meet and Greet' for all airborne and glider veterans, families, sponsors, vendors and invited guests.

Entering through the gate and past the guard, visitors will be introduced to 'Camp Trooper' a WW2, 1941-1945, tent city where daily life takes a step back in time with men in authentic uniforms from the airborne, glider, Ranger, special operations units, vintage vehicles, aircraft and equipment displays. The public will witness a duplication of an accurate period encampment with a mess tent, aid station, orderly tent, watch a USO Show or hang out at the 'Canteen' with the troopers.

A special area has been set aside to 'Ask a Vet', where those who served during the period will answer questions along with historical and educational displays.

A military unit from the reserve will provide live parachute jumps.

Other veterans organizations will provide food and drink while vendors offer period military related items.

We are planning and working hard to make this a great event. Our slightly off balance staff (To many head down landings?) is open to any and all suggestions. We are asking any organizations with a desire to help to contact us at:

Michigan Airborne Day - Camp Trooper
PO Box 444
Ovid, Michigan 48866
or
989-834-0294 * 989-834-1656
michabnday@yahoo.com

THIS IS A TEST (SURVEY)

The Election Committee is looking into ON-LINE-VOTING, using the Yankee web site link to another secure site to enter your votes in future elections. The idea behind this is that other organizations use this method of voting so that their members, where ever they are located, can more easily participate in the voting process. For us, the voting procedure will continue to send out a paper ballot, but with the option of returning your vote on-line with a receipt for your vote. An additional advantage is a chance to visit our changing web site and be more informed about what is taking place at Yankee.

If you have an on-line computer, the Election Committee would like YOU to participate in a survey to find out how many Yankee members would be able to use this method of voting. Please go to **www.yankeeairmuseum.org** and look for an ON LINE VOTING SURVEY selection and fill out the survey questions. This opportunity will be on the Yankee web site for the months of August, September.

For more information about on-line voting, go to www.bigpulse.com/elections.

I hope that you can participate in this survey. Thank you in advance.

The Election Committee

MASON AVIATION DAYS

MASON JEWETT AIRPORT, 655 EDEN ROAD, MASON MI (TEW)

SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH, 2007

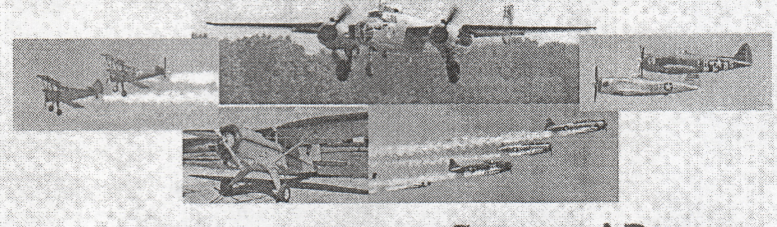
AND

SUNDAY AUGUST 19TH, 2007

PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ 7:00 AM TO 11:30 AM

GRILLED STEAK DINNER ~ NOON TO 5:00 PM

(PORK BBQ, HOT DOGS & BRATS ALSO AVAILABLE)



Aerial displays followed by the AT-6 *SCREAMIN' REBELS* formation flying and aerobatics at **2:00pm** on **Saturday & Sunday**

The restored YANKEE AIR FORCE *WWII B-25 MITCHELL BOMBER* and *GULL WING STINSON* will be on display and offer flights.

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Hosted by Experimental Aircraft Assn. Chapter 55

Contact Bill Purosky 517-214-2729 or Tom Botsford 517-256-4381 for additional information
Or visit www.eaa55.org and www.yankeeairmuseum.org

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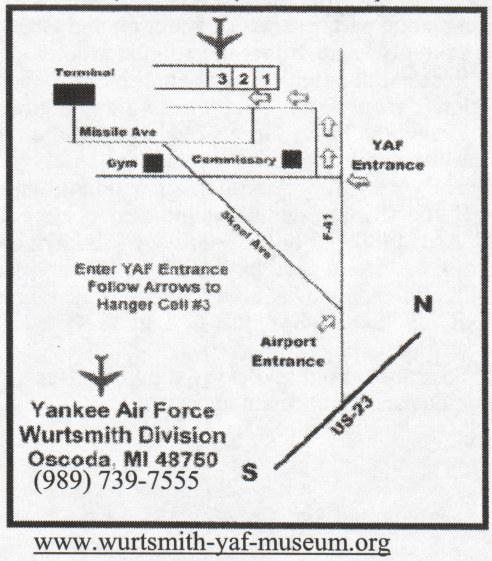
THIS SUMMER VISIT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM WURTSMITH DIVISION

Open May 19 to October
Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 11am-3pm

Hangar Dance
Saturday Evening
August 4, 2007
Live Music- "Sound Waves"
Doors open @ 6:30 PM
Tickets $7.50
Everyone welcome

Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, August 5, 2007
7 - 11 AM or until supplies run out
B-25 Yankee Warrior
will be here for tours & rides

NOTICE: WURTSMITH ALUMNI
Wurtsmith AFB 2nd Reunion
Sept. 6,7,8 (Thurs-Sat)



www.wurtsmith-yaf-museum.org

YAM President **Dick Stewart** presents Matt with his scholarship as **Bette Watson**, Education Department, looks on

MATT NICKELL RECEIVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

At YAM's general membership meeting night June 6th, 2007, we awarded our Don and Yvonne Harner Memorial Scholarship to **Matt Nickell** (son of **Tim Nickell**, Computer Dept.). We have seen Matt around, helping the Computer gang for several years.

Matt graduated from Belleville High School with a 3.7 grade point. He will be attending Michigan State University in the fall to study Computer Engineering.

Congratulations to Matt and his family.

By Bette Watson, Education Dept.

Restoration Department News by Lou Farkas

"Preserve Rather Than Restore – Restore Rather Than Replace"

Since I didn't get my July article in on time, you're going to get a double shot – July and August. Before I start I just want to say the person who took the money out of the Restoration Department coffee jar (you know who you are and we know who you are) is no longer welcome in the Restoration office.

Now for the July article:

Well, warm weather is finally here and the Restoration Department turns its attention to the Air Park.

Roger Peterson and his crew have buttoned up the Ranger for the summer but will start on it again in late Fall when it gets too cold to work in the Air Park. Roger, **Henry Grudzien, Don Messing** and **Elroy Myers** will now direct all of their attention to the DC-6, RB57 and the Huey. If you're interested in working on these or any of our other aircraft in the Air Park, give me a call. I'm in the Hangar Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, or drop me an e-mail at lou.farkas@yankeeairmuseum.org or r.farkas@att.net.

Ernie Panizolli and his crew of **Pete Morris** and **Gene Blanchard** will finish the Allison before going out to the Park. Ernie tells me there's not much more to do, then to the Air Park to work on the F-84-F. Most of the sheet metal is done on it, just a little more bird and wasp proofing. Then on to stripping the paint. Once the paint is stripped, it will get a good coat of self-etching primer and be repainted. Want to help? Give me a call.

Work on the DC-9 simulation is on hold for now. The tech guys are working on the best way to approach the mechanics of the gages, controls and operations of the sim.

The work on the 707 simulator is just about done for the summer. **Rich Monroe** has all the paint stripped off the outside. Once the inside is stripped and the wood repaired, Rich will be in the Air Park to work on the PB4Y.

Speaking of the PB4Y, **John Vanderven** and **Cliff Kegeler** have agreed (volunteered) to be crew chiefs. **Henry Grudzien** and **Roger Peterson** will give them a hand on what's required of a Yankee Air Museum Crew Chief. **Dale Burgess** has also agreed to be a member of the PB4Y team as has new member **Tom Michael.**

The one Hangar project that will not stop for the summer is the SPAD. **Joe Kosek** and his crew, **Larry Arnett, Tom Ismond** and **Ray Wall** will continue to work in the Hangar. **Bill Rodgers** won't even think of letting them out. **Bob Kenworthy** is back to make sure of that.

One more indoor project that is coming along great is the Link trainer. It is headed up by **Dean Green**. His crew is composed of the following volunteers: **Ray Jackson, Dave Huck, Mark Silvers** and **Al Scotford.** If you have not had a chance to see it, you really should. The Link room is located in the Internet/retail area. Stop by! The door is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

We also have Restoration members working offsite. Most of the work is for the SPAD. **Earl Loeffler** and **A. J. Shimon** are working on the tail, **Elroy Myers** is doing some sheet metal work while **Chris Dackson** is working on brackets. **Dick Sprague** is having some parts cut with a water jet and **Bruce Stoddard** is doing some engine compartment work.

Continuing on, this is the August article:

Restoration, along with most of our members, has been getting ready for *Thunder*.

Rich Monroe has been working on the towers for the parking area. We wanted to make it easier for the "F-Troupe".

Elsewhere **Dean Green** and his crew are really going great guns on the Link Trainer. As I said last month, you've got to check it out. Remember, I'm in the Hangar Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, so if you want a look see, let me know. You'll get the A-1 tour. By the time you read this I will have had my surgery and be back to my usual schedule.

If you're interested in restoration, look me up. We have an Air Park full of aircraft to work on. Following are the aircraft owned by YAM: F-86L, F-84F-35-GK, DC-6B, Argosy A.W.650-101, PB4Y-2 Privateer, T-33A-5-LO (Wingless), Huey UH-1H Iroquois. All of these are in need of some type of work, from just bird proofing to complete make overs.

In addition, we have on loan from the Air Force Museum in Dayton the following aircraft: T-33A-a-LO, RF-84F-30-RE, F-4C-19-MC, B-52D-25-BW, RB-57A-MA, NF-101B. All of these aircraft need bird proofing/wasp proofing and, in some cases panels and screws replaced.

So come on out and enjoy the FUN. Remember, being a member of Yankee Air Museum is fun. Being a member of the Restoration Department is even more fun!

NEW YANKEE LADY MERCHANDISE

We have a brand new *Yankee Lady* embroidery design. Your new hat, shirt or jacket will be delivered in about a week by the U.S. Postal Service.
A full refund will be given if you are not satisfied with any item.

NEW *YANKEE LADY*
FLIGHT EXPERIENCE HATS
$25.00 $26.50 Mich. Residents

Our new B-17 hats come in three colors: dark blue, mustard yellow and olive drab. The front of the hat features the new embroidery design. The words *Flight Experience* are sewn on the left side of the hat. Baseball style hat can be adjusted to fit your size.

NEW *YANKEE LADY* POLO SHIRT $40.00 $42.50 Michigan Residents

Dark blue polo shirt has the new *Yankee Lady* design embroidered on the left chest. Support the Museum by ordering this comfortable shirt today!

NEW *YANKEE LADY* DENIM SHIRT $42.00 $44.50 Michigan Residents

Short sleeve, light blue denim shirt has our new *Yankee Lady* design embroidered above the left pocket. Denim shirts are a Yankee Air Museum classic.

NEW *YANKEE LADY* LEATHER JACKET $308.00 $322.00 Michigan Residents

See the full page ads in the March, April or May issues of *Hangar Happenings* for details. This Avirex goatskin jacket is available in seven sizes.

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

CIRCLE the price of the item you would like to order.

CIRCLE the color of the *Yankee Lady* hat that you would like:
Dark Blue Mustard Yellow Olive Drab

CIRCLE the men's shirt size you would like: **Medium Large XL 2XL**

CIRCLE the men's leather jacket size you want:
Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

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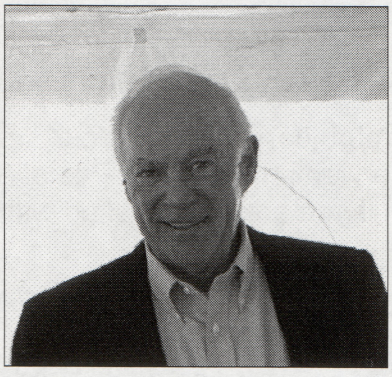

Bob Hynes is head of the Yankee PR Department. PR sends out press releases and asks that you contact PR with any news about Yankee events so they may be promoted as far and wide as possible.

Also, if you hear about something questionable with regards to the Museum, contact PR first so Bob and his staff may check it out first to ascertain that it is fact or fiction before telling others. If he doesn't know about it, he'll look into it right away and get back to you with the correct information.

Call the museum (734) 483-4030 ext 242. or Bob via email at bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org or bobhynes@yahoo.com

HELP YANKEE REBUILD!!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SELL RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE FULLY RESTORED
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734-483-4030 EXT. 246

MERCEDES RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE AT THE AIR SHOW ONLY $10 EA

WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP SELL THEM!

CONTACT PAT MCHUGH

Need a Yankee Speaker?

If your organization would like someone from Yankee to give a presentation, contact Bob Hynes. He is developing a Speakers Bureau and can provide speakers from the Yankee ranks with a wide variety of experiences. Contact **bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org** or call (734) 483-4030 ext 242

AIRSHOW CREW MANIFESTS

Posting of airshow crew assignments is now on the bulletin board in the lobby next to the museum store entrance, Hangar 2. If you have signed up for a show, you are responsible for checking if you are on the manifest.
Assignments will be posted a minimum of 15 days prior to a scheduled airshow.

Thank you - **Dale Worcester**

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT? NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?

Pat McHugh is our ***NEW*** Volunteer Coordinator, taking over from **Don Brackett** who moves to PR, see above. Contact Pat to see how your unique talents and skills can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

(734) 483-4030 ext 246
pat.mchugh@yankeeairmuseum.org

If you have a job to be done, Pat suggests that you write a brief description of what you need done, when, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Pat will match a volunteer to the job!

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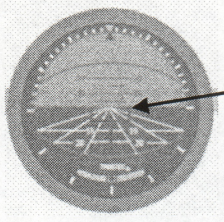
Only the Yankee Museum Store has authentic airline seats in stock ready for you to pick up for your aviation themed office, waiting room, den, pub, or even living room! Only $300! These are in excellent condition, complete with life vests beneath the seat cushions (handy if you live in a flood zone) and certain to be a conversation piece. Contact the museum store (734) 483-4030 ext 228.

We tried to get free delivery to Yankee C-47 excursion destination airports but couldn't work it out.

ON THE HORIZON



AIR PARK
East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck & Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

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AUGUST

Wednesday 1st	**General Membership Meeting Special Program** - at the conclusion of the meeting there will be a tour of the Kalitta Air simulator building and a demo of the full flight 747 simulator in the air conditioned facility
Saturday 4th	**Camp Trooper**, with the Yankee C-47 in attendance (details pg 10) **Yankee Wurtsmith Division Hangar Dance** (details pg 11)
Sunday 5th	**Yankee Wurtsmith Division Pancake Breakfast** (details pg 11)
Thursday 16th	**Wayne County Fair - Beer Tent** Yankee will be staffing the tent and benefitting from the proceeds of beer sales. So get your friends together (especially the non-Yankee members) head over there and have them buy you a beer! Quirk Rd between Belleville Rd and Beck Rd, south of Tyler Rd. Contact Roger Sherman, Yankee Mrktg Dept. For more information ext. 249
Sat/Sun 18th/19th	**Mason Aviation Days** Yankee planes there (details page 11)

SEPTEMBER

Wed 5th	**Yankee Air Museum Golf Outing/GOLF WAR** (details pg 5) Entry fees due by Aug 15 to be eligible for the B-17 ride drawing
Saturday 15th Sunday 16th	**Annual Meeting of the Yankee Air Force**, dba Yankee Air Museum Volunteer Appreciation Day - to recognize members who have been very generous in volunteering their time. Invitation only, see your department head.
Saturday 22nd	**101st Airborne Symposium** in Hangar 2 (details pg 10)

OCTOBER

Saturday 20th	**Yankee movie night returns.** Mark your calendar.

Bookmark www.yankeeairmuseum.org on your browser

Click on Yankee Photo Gallery for COLOR pics from this issue of HH and MUCH MORE!

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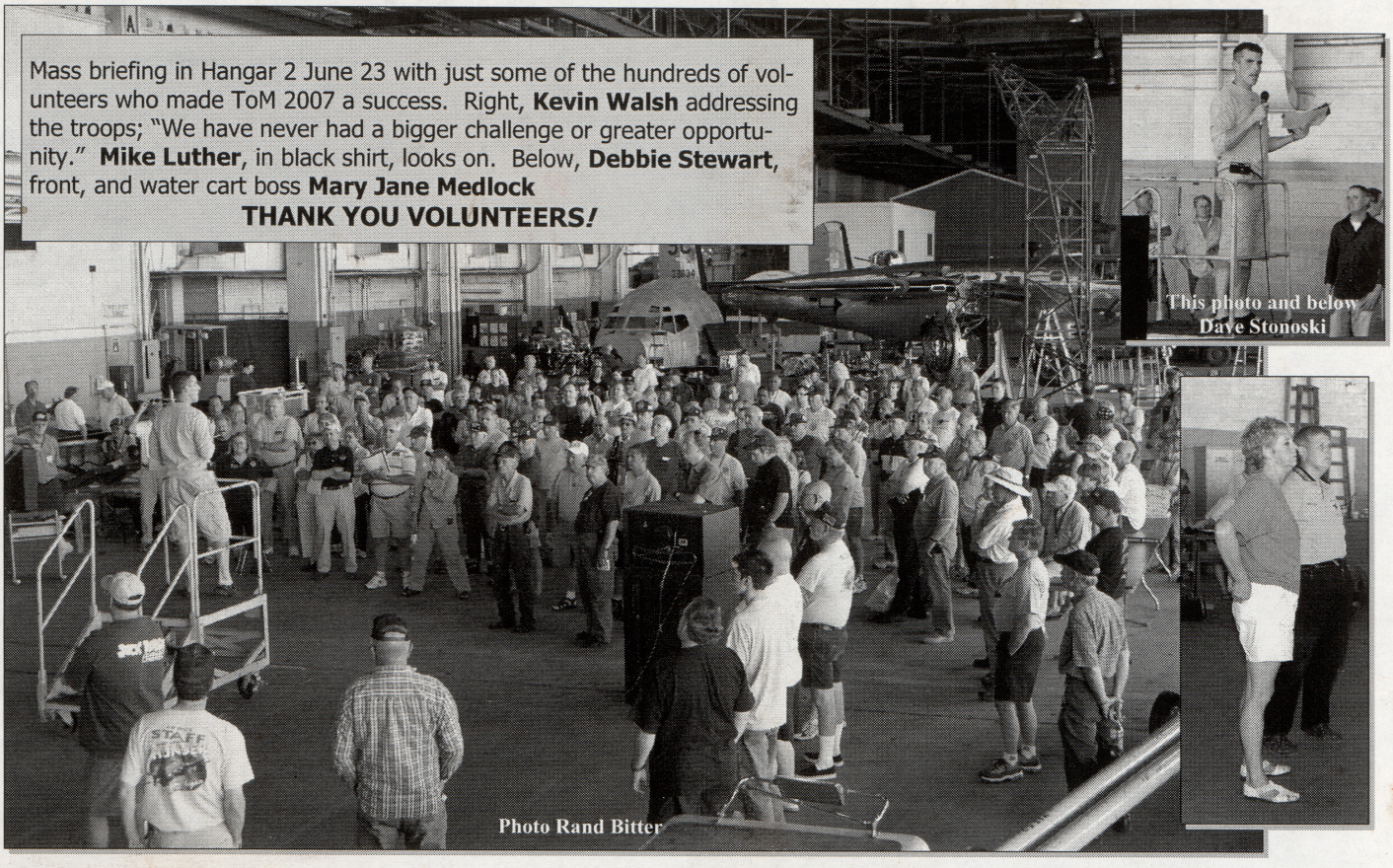

Mass briefing in Hangar 2 June 23 with just some of the hundreds of volunteers who made ToM 2007 a success. Right, **Kevin Walsh** addressing the troops; "We have never had a bigger challenge or greater opportunity." **Mike Luther**, in black shirt, looks on. Below, **Debbie Stewart**, front, and water cart boss **Mary Jane Medlock**

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

This photo and below Dave Stonoski

Photo Rand Bitter

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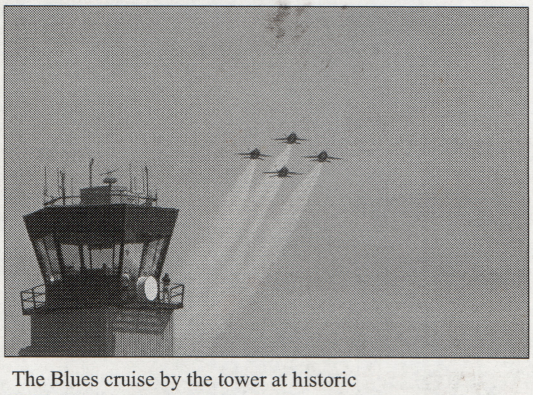
Our apologies for the $1800 in Museum Store sales done on Memorial Day by **Tracy McHugh** not getting mentioned in the July newsletter. Originally the text was there but it was inadvertently left out by subsequent layout changes.



The Blues cruise by the tower at historic Willow Run Airport during Yankee Air Museum's Thunder over Michigan 2007 *Rand Bitter*

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